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Dimock Township., PA (WBNG Binghamton) It was a decision based more on politics than science.

That's what Cabot Oil and Gas says was behind a decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to collect drinking water

The EPA is now delivering water to some homes along Carter Road in Susquehanna County.

That's after EPA representatives said they found contaminants in the water that are related to natural gas drilling.

Cabot says it has collected 2,000 samples around Susquehanna County, and that homes in the Carter Road area meet EPA water standards.

"We were frustrated with the idea that the EPA came in without looking over the existing science and data, and made a move to institute sampling that we don't believe was necessary based on the sampling we've already done," said Cabot Spokesman George Stark.

Cabot also says it hopes to help the EPA understand the geology of the region, and that it's committed to the residents and acreage in Susquehanna County.

The EPA, however, says they are testing samples based on Cabot's own data.

"Our priority is the health of the people there, and our actions are guided entirely by science and the law," the EPA's Region 3 office said in a statement. "We are providing water to a handful of households because data developed by Cabot itself provides evidence that they are being exposed to hazardous substances at levels of health concern."

The EPA says such testing is "consistent with steps we would take in any situation where we are presented with potential health risks to citizens under the federal laws we are charged to carry out."

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